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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.

**DATE:** July 24, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Allocation Formula for Rural and Low-Income School Program Grants

Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2 of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 establishes a new grant program for rural and low-income schools. The legislation defines eligible school districts as those having a census poverty concentration of 20 percent or more and having all of their schools located in an area with a rural National Center for Educational Statistics locale code. The list of eligible school districts in Michigan for 2002-03 was provided by the U.S. Department of Education and is attached as Attachment A with projected 2002-03 allocations.

State educational agencies are permitted to allocate funds to the eligible school districts on a formula basis using district average daily attendance or on another basis if they demonstrate to the satisfaction of the U.S. Department of Education that the alternative basis will serve equal or greater concentrations of low-income children. State educational agencies are also permitted to award grants to eligible school districts on a competitive basis.

Funds made available to school districts under this program are to be used for any of the following activities:

- (1) Teacher recruitment and retention, including the use of signing bonuses and other financial incentives.
- (2) Teacher professional development, including programs that train teachers to utilize technology to improve teaching and to train special needs teachers.
- (3) Educational technology, including software and hardware, as described in part D of title II.
- (4) Parental involvement activities.
- (5) Activities authorized under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools program under part A of title IV.
- (6) Activities authorized under part A of title I.
- (7) Activities authorized under title III.

The funds will supplement the formula grant allocations that eligible school districts receive for these activities under other titles of the No Child Left Behind Act.

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Staff has projected allocations for 2002-03 using the formula based on average daily attendance and recommends that the State Board approve this option for distributing the funds.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the use of the formula based on average daily attendance for the distribution of Rural and Low-Income School Program grants, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 24, 2002.

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Criteria for Rural and Low-Income School Program Grants

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students, with primary emphasis on chronically underperforming schools." In addition, the State Board has adopted the following five Strategic Initiatives to implement the goal:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ensuring Excellent Educators       | • Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy   |
| • Elevating Educational Leadership | • Integrating Communities and Schools |
| Embracing the Information Age      |                                       |

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will include priority consideration of the Strategic Goal and the Strategic Initiatives.

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT**

☐ Competitive    ☒ Formula    ☒ New    ☐ Continuation    *(check all that apply)*

This is a new grant established by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The purpose of the grant is to provide additional funds to eligible rural, low-income school districts to support activities for which they also receive formula grants under other titles of the No Child Left Behind Act. Because their allocations under the other titles may be relatively small, these funds will allow the districts to increase the scope and impact of grant activities.

**LEGISLATION**

Attached

**RATIONALE FOR CRITERIA**

The allowed activities for the use of Rural and Low-Income School Program funds, as defined in the legislation, directly support the following Strategic Initiatives: Ensuring Excellent Educators, Embracing the Information Age, and Integrating Communities and Schools.

**CRITERIA**

☒ Defined in Legislation    ☐ Defined in Department's Grant    ☐ Proposed by Staff

- Funds will be allocated to eligible school districts on a formula basis using average daily attendance.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT**

See Attachment A

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**            \$1,909,600

**OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT/PROGRAM CONTACT**

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1       tinue to participate only if such local educational  
2       agencies use applicable funding under this subpart  
3       to carry out the requirements of section 1116.

4       **“Subpart 2—Rural and Low-Income School**  
5                               **Program**

6       **“SEC. 6221. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

7       **“(a) GRANTS TO STATES.**

8               **“(1 IN GENERAL.—**From amounts appro-  
9       priated under section 6234 for this subpart for a fis-  
10      cal year that are not reserved under subsection (c),  
11      the Secretary shall award grants (from allotments  
12      made under paragraph (2)) for the fiscal year to  
13      State educational agencies that have applications  
14      submitted under section 6223 approved to enable the  
15      State educational agencies to award grants to eligi-  
16      ble local educational agencies for local authorized ac-  
17      tivities described in section 6222(a).

18             **“(2) ALLOTMENT.—**From amounts described in  
19      paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall  
20      allot to each State educational agency for that fiscal  
21      year an amount that bears the same ratio to those  
22      amounts as the number of students in average daily  
23      attendance served by eligible local educational agen-  
24      cies in the State for that fiscal year bears to the  
25      number of all such students served by eligible local

1 educational agencies in all States for that fiscal  
2 year.

3 “(3) SPECIALLY QUALIFIED AGENCIES.

4 “(A) ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION.—If a  
5 State educational agency elects not to partici-  
6 pate in the program under this subpart or does  
7 not have an application submitted under section  
8 6223 approved, a specially qualified agency in  
9 such State desiring a grant under this subpart  
10 may submit an application under such section  
directly to the Secretary to receive an award  
12 under this subpart.

13 “(B) DIRECT AWARDS.—The Secretary  
14 may award, on a competitive basis or by for-  
15 mula, the amount the State educational agency  
16 is eligible to receive under paragraph (2) di-  
17 rectly to a specially qualified agency in  
18 State that has submitted an application in ac-  
19 cordance with subparagraph (A) and obtained  
20 approval of the application.

21 “(C) SPECIALLY QUALIFIED AGENCY DE-  
22 FINED.—In this subpart, the term ‘specially  
23 qualified agency’ means an eligible local  
24 cational agency served by a State educational  
25 agency that does not participate in a program

1 under this subpart in a fiscal year, that may  
2 apply directly to the Secretary for a grant in  
3 such year under this subsection.

4 “(b) LOCAL AWARDS.

5 “(1) ELIGIBILITY.—A local educational agency  
6 shall be eligible to receive a grant under this subpart  
7 if—

8 “(A) 20 percent or more of the children  
9 ages 5 through 17 years served by the local  
10 educational agency are from families with in-  
comes below the poverty line; and

2 “(B) all of the schools served by the agen-  
3 cy are designated with a school locale code of  
14 6, 7, or 8, as determined by the Secretary.

15 “(2) AWARD BASIS. -A State educational agen-  
16 cy shall award grants to eligible local educational  
17 agencies—

18 “(A) on a competitive basis;

19 “(B) according to a formula based on the  
20 number of students in average daily attendance  
21 served by the eligible local educational agencies  
22 or schools in the State; or

23 “(C) according to an alternative formula,  
24 if, prior to awarding the grants, the State edu-  
25 cational agency demonstrates, to the satisfac-

1           tion of the Secretary, that the alternative for-  
2           mula enables the State educational agency to  
3           allot the grant funds in a manner that serves  
4           equal or greater concentrations of children from  
5           families with incomes below the poverty line,  
6           relative to the concentrations that would be  
7           served if the State educational agency used the  
8           formula described in subparagraph (B).

9           “(c) RESERVATIONS. From amounts appropriated  
10          under section 6234 for this subpart for a fiscal year, the  
11          Secretary shall reserve—

12               “(1) ½ of 1 percent to make awards to elemen-  
13          tary schools or secondary schools operated or sup-  
14          ported by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to carry out  
15          the activities authorized under this subpart; and

16               “(2) ½ of 1 percent to make awards to the out-  
17          lying areas in accordance with their respective needs,  
18          to carry out the activities authorized under this sub-  
19          part.

20          “SEC. 6222. USES OF FUNDS.

21               “(a) LOCAL AWARDS.—Grant funds awarded to local  
22          educational agencies under this subpart shall be used for  
23          any of the following:



1           “(1 Teacher recruitment and retention, includ-  
2           ing the use of signing bonuses and other financial  
3           incentives.

4           “(2 Teacher professional development, includ-  
5           ing programs that train teachers to utilize tech-  
6           nology to improve teaching and to train special  
7           needs teachers.

8           “(3) Educational technology, including software  
9           and hardware, as described in part D of title II

10           (4) Parental involvement activities.

              “(5) Activities authorized under the Safe and  
12           Drug-Free Schools program under part A of title IV.

13           “(6) Activities authorized under part A of title  
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15           “(7) Activities authorized under title III.

6           “(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. -A State educational  
17           agency receiving a grant under this subpart may not use  
18           more than 5 percent of the amount of the grant for State  
19           administrative costs and to provide technical assistance to  
20           eligible local educational agencies.

21           “SEC. 6223. APPLICATIONS.

22           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each State educational agency  
23           or specially qualified agency desiring to receive a grant  
24           under this subpart shall submit an application to the Sec-



# 2002-03 Projected Rural Low Income Program (RLIP) Allocation Estimates Based on Average Dailey Attendance (ADA)

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Leacode	Dcode	District Name	ADA	ADA Allocation
2602160	01010	Alcona Community Schools	961	\$20,513
2622350	05070	Mancelona Public Schools	981	\$20,940
2632940	06050	Standish-Sterling Community School District	,818	\$38,806
2628170	09090	Pinconning Area Schools	,938	\$41,367
2600264	09902	Bay County Public School Academy	194	\$4,141
2606960	12020	Bronson Community Schools	,262	\$26,938
2600068	12901	Pansophia Academy	184	\$3,928
2608430	14010	Cassopolis Public Schools	,286	\$27,450
2622740	14050	Marcellus Community Schools	984	\$21,004
2619170	16050	Inland Lakes Schools	,011	\$21,580
2630360	17110	Rudyard Area Schools	,063	\$22,690
2609750	18010	Clare Public Schools	1,497	\$31,954
2614100	18020	Farwell Area Schools	1,518	\$32,402
2617820	18060	Harrison Community Schools	2,107	\$44,975
2611030	20015	Crawford-AuSable Schools	1,994	\$42,563
2604440	26010	Beaverton Rural Schools	,665	\$35,540
2615990	26040	Gladwin Community Schools	,900	\$40,556
2619470	27020	Ironwood Area Schools	1,174	\$25,059
2607170	28035	Buckley Community Schools	371	\$7,919
2606630	29040	Breckenridge Community Schools	1,037	\$22,135
2632880	29100	St. Louis Public Schools	1,190	\$25,401
2607710	30010	Camden-Frontier Schools	634	\$13,533
2628500	30060	Pittsford Area Schools	707	\$15,091
2600143	30901	Sauk Trail Academy	119	\$2,540
2607690	31030	Calumet Public Schools	1,532	\$32,701
2600007	32060	Harbor Beach Community Schools	731	\$15,603
2627390	34040	Palo Community Schools	169	\$3,607
2612660	34340	Easton Township School District 6	31	\$662
2626970	35010	Oscoda Area Schools	1,988	\$42,435
2617370	35020	Hale Area Schools	752	\$16,052

Allocation estimates are based on a projected allocation amount of \$1,909,600.

ADA is based on fall 2000 enrollment.

The formula for ADA is the ADA Count for a district times the award amount of \$1,909,600 divided by the total number of ADA which is 89,462.

Leacode	Dcode	District Name	ADA	ADA Allocation
2636390	35040	Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools	1,336	\$28,517
2632910	36025	West Iron County Public Schools	1,208	\$25,785
2600087	37901	Renaissance Public School Academy	84	\$1,793
2614570	40020	Forest Area Community Schools	786	\$16,777
2603810	43040	Baldwin Community Schools	712	\$15,198
2622320	46090	Madison School District	1,062	\$22,669
2620010	51045	Kaleva Norman Dickson School District	825	\$17,610
2622410	51070	Manistee Area Public Schools	1,634	\$34,878
2600152	51903	Casman Alternative Academy	62	\$1,323
2619530	52180	Ishpeming School District	969	\$20,684
2600153	52901	Northstar Academy	62	\$1,323
2623130	53010	Mason County Central Schools	1,509	\$32,210
2605780	54010	Big Rapids Public Schools	2,077	\$44,334
2609560	54025	Chippewa Hills School District	2,403	\$51,293
2624600	54040	Morley-Stanwood Community Schools	1,472	\$31,420
2600186	54901	Crossroads Charter Academy	413	\$8,816
2633000	55120	Stephenson Area Public Schools	851	\$18,165
2620610	57020	Lake City Area Schools	1,222	\$26,084
2608130	59020	Carson City-Crystal Area Schools	1,247	\$26,618
2612960	59045	Montabella Community Schools	1,005	\$21,452
2620910	59090	Lakeview Community Schools	1,735	\$37,034
2600154	59901	Threshold Academy	169	\$3,607
2618510	61120	Holton Public Schools	1,073	\$22,904
2618270	62060	Hesperia Community Schools	1,116	\$23,821
2636060	62090	White Cloud Public Schools	1,439	\$30,716
2617860	64040	Hart Public Schools	1,387	\$29,606
2631320	64080	Shelby Public Schools	1,661	\$35,455
2635850	65045	West Branch-Rose City Area Schools	2,486	\$53,065
2613560	67020	Evart Public Schools	1,166	\$24,889
2622800	67050	Marion Public Schools	769	\$16,415
2628200	67055	Pine River Area Schools	1,264	\$26,981
2624000	68010	Mio-AuSable Schools	821	\$17,525
2619890	69030	Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools	805	\$17,183

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2626400	71050	Onaway Area Community Schools	843	\$17,994
2615830	72010	Gerrish-Higgins Schools	1,746	\$37,269
2618600	72020	Houghton Lake Community Schools	2,068	\$44,142
2610410	75040	Colon Community Schools	823	\$17,567
2633840	75080	Three Rivers Community Schools	2,878	\$61,432
2626100	75100	Nottawa Community Schools	154	\$3,287
2608160	76070	Carsonville-Port Sanilac Schools	606	\$12,935
2611700	76090	Deckerville Community Schools	843	\$17,994
2622860	76140	Marlette Community Schools	1,225	\$26,148
2622470	77010	Manistique Area Schools	1,084	\$23,138
2603870	80020	Bangor Public Schools	1,493	\$31,869
2610980	80040	Covert Public Schools	640	\$13,661
2611670	80050	Decatur Public Schools	1,038	\$22,157
2606270	80090	Bloomington Public Schools	1,246	\$26,596
2617880	80120	Hartford Public Schools	1,325	\$28,283
2622500	83060	Manton Consolidated Schools	950	\$20,278
2623670	83070	Mesick Consolidated Schools	872	\$18,613
Total			89,462	\$1,909,598

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